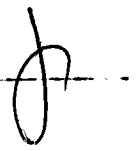


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RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING THE RECENT SPATE OF KILLINGS OF, AND ATTACKS
AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE TEDURAY TRIBE VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND UNDERMINING THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE BANGSAMORO
REGION

1 Whereas, Section 22, Article II of the 1987 Constitution clearly provides that
2 "[t]he State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities
3 within the framework of national unity and development";

4 Whereas, it is likewise a declared policy of the State to protect the rights of
5 indigenous cultural communities to their ancestral lands to ensure their economic,
6 social, and cultural well-being;

7 Whereas, one of the many recognized ICCs/IPs in the country is the Teduray
8 Tribe from the mountainous regions of Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur,
9 Sultan Kudarat and, in the Bangsamoro region;

10 Whereas, since 2018, it has been reported how the Teduray and Teduray-
11 Lambingan leaders have become victims of threats and intimidation and worse,
12 killings, for strongly advocating against land encroachment, and displacement or
13 dispossession of their ancestral lands;

14 Whereas, on 20 December 2022, Jocelyn Samar Palao, the progressive head of
15 the ancestral domain division of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim
16 Mindanao (BARMM) Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA), was killed by
17 unidentified gunmen shortly after she left her office in Cotabato City;

1 Whereas, among those killed in April of this year was village councilman Juanito
2 Promboy from the indigenous peoples of Barangay Tuayan who was ambushed by
3 motorcycle-riding attackers while on his way to Barangay Limpongo;

4 Whereas, on 02 August 2024, South Upi Vice Mayor Roldan Benito and his
5 security aide, were likewise killed as they encountered armed men with assault rifles
6 who opened fire as they got close while supposedly on their way to Barangay Pandan
7 in South Upi;

8 Whereas, the latest fatality occurred on 17 September 2024, when Teduray
9 leader and village councilman Elvin Moires was shot dead by unidentified men while
10 on his way home from a tribal wedding ceremony;

11 Whereas, Moires has earned a reputation for being a vocal leader of the Lumads
12 in South Upi who actively asserted the rights of the indigenous people;

13 Whereas, the rising number of killings within the Teduray tribe is alarming, with
14 the latest count of defenseless individuals killed reaching seventy-five;

15 Whereas, it must be emphasized that injustice and violence do not have a place
16 in any civilized society and no just cause justifies brutalities against the lives of all
17 persons: Now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to condemn the recent
19 spate of killings of, and attacks against members of the Teduray Tribe violating human
20 rights and undermining the peace and security in the Bangsamoro Region.

Adopted,



ROBINHOOD PADILLA
Senator